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- 1 by saying if you wish to buy this after
- 2 one year, fine.
- This doesn't mean you had
- it in your possession all 899. Your
- 5 documentation eventually showed us what
- you had in your possession.
- Q. Did it show what was in
- storage?
- A. That doesn't speak of
- 10 storage.
- 11 You referred to Sea Star's
- documentation showing what equipment Sea
- Star had in its possession; correct?
- 14 MR. MOLDOFF: Asked and
- 15 answered.
- 16 THE WITNESS: You certainly
- showed us equipment that you, quote, had
- 18 in storage. The only difference was
- 19 your people did not understand that it
- 20 was out somewhere under load at a
- 21 shipper's location or under load on a
- 22 ship.
- 23 So your documentation where
- 24 you thought something was in storage was

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- 1 really very actively being used and had
- 2 not been returned to Emerald under a
- 3 TIR.
- May I suggest a break at
- this moment?
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Certainly.
- (Recess.)
- 8 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. Did Sea Star take the
- 10 equipment that was listed on the
- 11 spreadsheet, all of it?
- A. The one that we just looked 12
- 13 at?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 That matrix? No.
- 16 Q. Do you know how much of
- 17 that equipment Sea Star took?
- 18 A. Sitting here today, I
- couldn't guess. 19
- Q. The last paragraph of the
- 21 first page says, "Emerald would propose
- 22 to provide the fleet adjustment on the
- 23 basis that the POS equipment that is in
- 24 San Juan or elsewhere can, at Emerald's

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- 1 option, be relocated to a Sea Star port
- 2 facility, is relocated to Philadelphia
- 3 for disposition free of charge for
- 4 delivery or storage." That's the first
- 5 sentence.
- 6 Do you see that?
- A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What did you mean by that?
- 9 A. We were attempting to sell
- 10 the equipment to Sea Star. So this is
- 11 all hype. It's all salesmanship. How
- 12 can we entice you to buy something or
- 13 lease it for a long term?
- 14 Q. Did that happen?
- 15 A. Well, generically, as you
- 16 look at this statement, this did not
- 17 happen. What did happen was Sea Star
- 18 leased equipment.
- 19 Q. It says: "Additionally and
- 20 as if -- as and if container and gen-set
- 21 equipment is turned in pursuant to our
- 22 agreement, Emerald would want the
- 23 equipment repositioned pursuant to our
- 24 direction."

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- 1 Did that did happen?
- 2 A. You did return Emerald
- 3 equipment to our direction. It's
- 4 covered under the agreement.
- 5 Q. By "agreement," you are
- 6 referring to the written agreement;
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. Yes. The written agreement
- 9 reflected the verbal agreement, yes. So
- 10 the document speaks for itself.
- 11 Q. Is that your final
- 12 statement with respect to the document?
- 13 A. Well, obviously we were
- 14 attempting to come to an orderly
- 15 liquidation of the Emerald agreement --
- 16 of the Emerald equipment, which was to
- 17 sell or lease to Sea Star.
- 18 Q. Were you involved --
- 19 A. I should add one thing
- 20 here, which my lawyer tells me never to
- 21 add. We never offered in whole this
- 22 fleet to anybody else. You were our
- 23 only buyer and/or also lessee.
- 24 Q. After that April 11, 2002,

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- 1 letter were you involved in negotiations
- 2 with Sea Star for the Emerald equipment
- agreement?
- A. Was I personally involved?
- Q. Yes, sir. 5
- A. Yes and no. I was involved
- 7 from time to time in talking to people.
- 8 I don't remember who from your side. I
- 9 was involved with working with my son --
- 10 and, obviously, you see Leo's name here,
- 11 so I should say sons -- and also Art
- 12 Davis.
- 13 Q. When you say "my son," are
- 14 you referring to Tom, Jr.?
- 15 A. Tom, sure.
- 16 Q. And what was Tom, Jr.'s,
- 17 responsibility?
- 18 A. His responsibility was not
- 19 to sell this equipment or lease it to
- 20 you. He was assisting me in trying to
- 21 sell or lease it to you.
- Q. Did he report to you in 22
- connection --
- 24 A. He told me the deal that he

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- 1 had worked out eventually, yes.
- Q. Do you recall when he told
- 3 you what the deal was?
- 4 A. Sometime in the two weeks
- 5 that the equipment was in Sea Star's
- 6 possession, if I have the time frame
- 7 proper.
- 8 The whole theory was you
- 9 were going to take the entire fleet, but
- 10 it just wasn't going to be. You didn't
- 11 need the entire fleet.
- 12 Q. When you say "the whole
- 13 theory was," whose theory was that?
- 14 A. Mine. I wanted you to take
- 15 the entire fleet.
- 16 Q. And that didn't happen?
- 17 A. No, it didn't.
- 18 Q. So what did Sea Star take?
- 19 A. All the equipment that they
- 20 had in their possession and eventually
- 21 returned or purchased.
- 22 Q. Was there any inventory,
- 23 other than the NPR inventory, done of
- 24 Emerald equipment in the time frame

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- 1 April, early May 2002?
- 2 A. Done by Emerald, no.
- 3 Q. By anyone associated with
- 4 Emerald?
- 5 A. No. Probably done by Sea
- 6 Star, but not by Emerald.
- 7 MR. ARMSTRONG: Let me show
- 8 you a copy of a document which I will
- 9 ask the court reporter to mark as
- 10 Exhibit 1 to this deposition.
- 11 (Above-described document
- 12 marked Holt, Sr., Exhibit 1.)
- 13 THE WITNESS: Do we have a
- 14 question?
- 15 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 16 Q. Have you ever seen that
- 17 document before?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. When did you first see it?
- A. Back when it was generated.
- Q. Did you have any
- 22 discussions with anyone concerning the
- 23 substance of that or the subject matter
- 24 of that document?

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. What did you do with it?
- 3 Did you do anything with it after you
- saw it?
- A. No.
- 6 Q. Did you make any comments
- 7 concerning this statement, quote, as
- agreed today?
- A. Only to the point that it
- 10 was the best deal that could be gotten.
- 11 Q. Did you accept that deal as
- 12 stated --
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. -- by Phil Bates?
- 15 A. Well, accepted this deal,
- 16 and then, subsequently, a new formal
- 17 agreement was entered into.
- 18 Q. You expected that there
- 19 would be a formal written agreement when
- 20 you saw this e-mail?
- 21 A. This was not the deal I
- 22 wanted; okay? But I also will tell you
- 23 that the only reason we entered into a
- 24 formal agreement with Sea Star was this

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- 1 didn't cut the cake for them.
- 2 They needed a formal
- 3 agreement because they were using the
- 4 equipment far longer, evidently, than
- 5 they thought this document would
- 6 survive.
- 7 Q. How did you know that?
- 8 A. Because that's why we came
- 9 to a formal agreement. It took two,
- 10 three months, maybe four months after
- 11 this for that agreement to be done.
- 12 Q. Did anybody at Sea Star
- 13 tell you that this wouldn't cut the cake
- 14 for them?
- 15 A. No, no. Just the fact that
- 16 the new agreement came forward, which
- 17 was a semi-permanent type of agreement
- 18 versus a 30-day agreement.
- 19 Q. Now, did the new agreement
- 20 require the approval of the Bankruptcy
- 21 Court?
- MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 23 form.
- 24 If you know.

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- 1 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 2 Q. If you know.
- 3 A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. Did the new equipment
- 5 require the approval of MBC Leasing, if
- 6 you know?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. Let me show you a copy of a
- 9 document that has been marked as
- 10 Exhibit 34 to the Emerald deposition.
- Have you ever seen that
- 12 before?
- 13 A. I have heard of this
- 14 document. I have never seen it before.
- 15 Q. How have you heard of that
- 16 document?
- 17 A. I was told by Arthur that
- 18 we had to give authorization to the
- 19 depots to turn over Emerald equipment to
- 20 Sea Star.
- Q. You were aware that the
- 22 depots were holding Emerald equipment
- 23 after April 27, 2002?
- A. No. I heard of some; but

- 1 this document doesn't say that. This
- 2 document says they are not going to turn
- 3 the equipment over to a third party
- 4 without approval from Emerald.
- 5 Q. Do you know what happened
- 6 to equipment that Emerald approved
- 7 turning over to Sea Star?
- 8 A. Sea Star took possession of
- 9 it.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether any
- 11 depots continued to hold equipment that
- 12 Emerald had approved turning over?
- 13 A. Hold it for what reason?
- 14 Q. For nonpayment by Sea
- 15 Star -- by NPR.
- 16 A. No. To my knowledge,
- 17 everybody was satisfied by Emerald.
- 18 There might be some isolated cases I'm
- 19 not aware of. But all these depots had
- 20 equipment in storage under Emerald and
- 21 they were getting paid to hold them
- 22 there.
- Q. I show you a copy of a
- 24 letter dated June 11, 2002, which has

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- 1 been marked as Exhibit 12 to the Emerald
- 2 deposition, and a letter dated June 10,
- 3 2002, which has been marked as
- 4 Exhibit 10 to the Emerald deposition.
- 5 Do you recognize those
- 6 documents?
- 7 A. I have seen this before.
- 8 Q. When you say "this," are
- 9 you referring to the Exhibit 10, the
- 10 June 10th letter addressed to you?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you recall when you
- 13 first saw that?
- 14 A. When it probably came in.
- 15 Q. Did you have any
- 16 discussions or other communications with
- 17 Scott Kreger concerning the contents of
- 18 that letter?
- 19 A. I did.
- Q. When did you have such
- 21 communications?
- 22 A. Probably within a
- 23 reasonable period of time after this
- 24 letter.

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- 1 Q. And what did you and he
- 2 discuss?
- 3 A. We discussed what the facts
- 4 of the letter were.
- 5 Q. Did you agree with the
- 6 contents of the letter?
- 7 A. I don't have a problem with
- 8 it.
- 9 Q. Did you tell him that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. What did he say to you?
- 12 A. "Fine." It's self-
- 13 explanatory.
- 14 Q. At that time was MBC
- 15 running the show or in charge with
- 16 respect to Emerald equipment?
- 17 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 18 form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: MBC at that
- 20 time was attempting to reduce their debt
- 21 that Emerald owed them, so they got
- 22 leave from the Court, as you are aware
- 23 of, to sell off equipment.
- Would they exercise

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- 1 control? Yeah, to the extent that they
- 2 were owed money. But they worked very,
- 3 very closely with Emerald.
- 4 As you can see, this letter
- 5 deals with the question of Sea Star
- 6 buying 700 containers from MBC, amongst
- 7 other things, that had been leased to
- 8 NPR.
- 9 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 10 Q. Are you saying buying or
- 11 using 700 containers?
- 12 A. Subsequently, they bought
- 13 the equipment; but here it says for the
- 14 use of them.
- 15 Q. When did you gain the
- 16 understanding that Sea Star bought 700,
- 17 40-foot drive-end containers?
- 18 A. I'm not saying it was 700.
- 19 This letter speaks of the use of 700.
- 20 MBC sold to Sea Star the -- I want to
- 21 use the right word so I don't confuse
- 22 you -- the high cube 40-footer
- 23 containers that was covered here. So
- 24 the letter is self-explanatory.

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- 1 Q. As of June 10, 2002, how
- 2 much did Emerald owe to MBC?
- 3 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 4 form.
- 5 Only if you know.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Guesstimate,
- 7 about 10 million.
- 8 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 9 Q. As of June 10, 2002, did
- 10 all dispositions of Emerald equipment
- 11 require MBC's approval?
- 12 A. As of June 10th?
- MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 14 form.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 16 That's a legal question.
- 17 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 18 Q. At any time did sale of
- 19 Emerald equipment require MBC's
- 20 approval?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. At any time did lease of
- 23 Emerald equipment require MBC's
- 24 approval?

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1 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the

- 2 form.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Only with
- 4 regards to Sea Star because we weren't
- 5 leasing to third parties.
- 6 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. What persons were employed
- 8 by Emerald to sell Emerald equipment as
- 9 of June 10, 2002?
- 10 A. They had -- Art went out
- 11 and got several agents, both in the
- 12 United States and Puerto Rico, as well
- 13 as the bank had to start to liquidate
- 14 this equipment in an orderly fashion,
- 15 all coordinated through Emerald.
- The bank would not sell
- 17 unless Emerald was involved with it for
- 18 inventory control purposes, they relied
- 19 very heavily on Emerald.
- Q. What do you mean when you
- 21 say "inventory control purposes"?
- A. Emerald ran inventory
- 23 controls of this equipment.
- Q. What Emerald employees were

- 1 running the inventory controls?
- 2 A. It would have been Lorraine
- 3 and it would have been Arthur.
- 4 Q. Was Emerald paying
- 5 Lorraine?
- 6 A. Was Emerald paying
- 7 Lorraine? At what period of time?
- 8 Q. When these inventory
- 9 controls were being run.
- 10 A. Holt Logistics would have
- 11 been paying her.
- 12 Q. What is Holt Logistics?
- 13 A. That's the logistical arm
- 14 of a company that provides backroom
- 15 services. They would have been paying
- 16 Lorraine. She was an employee of
- 17 theirs.
- 18 Q. Was Emerald paying Arthur
- 19 Davis when these inventory controls were
- 20 being run?
- A. No. Same answer as
- 22 Lorraine.
- 23 Q. What were the inventory
- 24 control procedures that were being run?

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- 1 A. As equipment was sold, they
- 2 would take it off the inventory. Unless
- 3 equipment was discovered someplace that
- 4 was not physically in Sea Star's
- 5 possession, it was put back to the
- 6 status of where it was.
- 7 It always was on the
- 8 inventory that came out of NPR to
- 9 Emerald, so they just kept updating that
- 10 inventory control.
- 11 Q. The basic inventory was the
- 12 NPR inventory?
- 13 A. It started from that and
- 14 then evolved into something else over
- 15 several months or a couple years.
- 16 Q. Have you ever seen the June
- 17 11, 2002, letter, the Exhibit 12 to the
- 18 Emerald deposition?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Let me show you a copy of a
- 21 document entitled "Equipment Rental
- 22 Agreement," which has been marked as
- 23 Exhibit 16 to the Emerald deposition.
- 24 Do you recognize that?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Did you sign the original
- 3 of that equipment rental agreement?
- 4 A. I signed this agreement.
- 5 This is not the original, but I signed
- 6 the agreement. I assume you have the
- 7 original.
- 8 Q. I understand that.
- 9 A. Yes, I did.
- 10 Q. Did you sign the original
- 11 of that equipment rental agreement?
- 12 A. This is my signature.
- 13 Q. Did you read that equipment
- 14 rental agreement before you signed it?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Did you discuss the terms
- 17 of the equipment rental agreement with
- 18 anyone before you signed it?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Look at Paragraph 1 of that
- 21 agreement, please, sir. How was
- 22 equipment to be transferred to Sea
- 23 Star --
- 24 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the

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- 1 form of the question.
- 2 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 3 Q. under the agreement?
- 4 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 5 form.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Well, this
- 7 specific paragraph speaks of equipment
- 8 interchange receipts subject to the
- 9 terms and conditions of this agreement.
- 10 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 11 Q. What is an equipment
- 12 interchange receipt, if you know?
- 13 A. It is a document
- 14 traditionally prepared by a marine
- 15 terminal for when a piece of equipment
- 16 goes in or out of that marine terminal.
- 17 Q. Under that agreement, is
- 18 that your understanding of how Sea Star
- 19 was to acquire Emerald equipment?
- A. If they wanted a piece of
- 21 Emerald equipment that they did not have
- 22 in their possession as of the 31st of
- 23 July, they would go get that piece of
- 24 equipment and have a TIR issued, either

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- 1 by Emerald or, in some cases, by the
- 2 third parties where Emerald equipment
- 3 was stored or from railroads or from
- 4 their own terminal.
- 5 As you see, the preamble of
- 6 the agreement speaks of equipment in use
- 7 at various times commencing April 29,
- 8 '02.
- 9 They had already had the
- 10 equipment. This was just memorializing
- 11 the more formal conditions, redelivery
- 12 of equipment, maintenance, repairs, all
- 13 of the things that go into a lease
- 14 agreement, identification and expenses.
- 15 This is a written agreement; it speaks
- 16 for itself.
- 17 Q. How did Emerald
- 18 differentiate between equipment in use
- 19 and in storage as of April 29, 2002?
- 20 A. How did they
- 21 differentiate? They did not. This
- 22 speaks for equipment going out after
- 23 July 31, '02.
- 24 They did not differentiate

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- 1 because we relied on the Sea Star
- 2 documents to tell us what you had in
- 3 possession in April, in May, in June of
- 4 '02, your self-billing reports to the
- 5 bank, which, subsequently, were purged
- 6 and in many instances found to be wrong;
- 7 your own inventory controls which you
- 8 provided us, which subsequently when
- 9 purged were found in some cases to be
- 10 wrong; and then the infamous TIRs, when
- 11 you effectively redelivered to Emerald;
- 12 and also other documents that we found
- 13 in the industry: railroad, trucking, et
- 14 cetera.
- 15 O. You refer to the "infamous
- 16 TIRs." What did you mean by that?
- 17 A. In what context did I say
- 18 that, sir?
- 19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Would you
- 20 repeat or read back his answer for him.
- 21 (The court reporter read the
- 22 record as follows:
- 23 "ANSWER: How did they
- 24 differentiate? They did not. This

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- 1 speaks for equipment going out after
- 2 July 31, '02.
- 3 They did not
- 4 differentiate because we relied on the
- 5 Sea Star documents to tell us what you
- 6 had in possession in April, in May, in
- 7 June of '02, your self-billing reports
- 8 to the bank, which, subsequently, were
- 9 purged and in many instances found to be
- 10 wrong; your own inventory controls which
- 11 you provided us, which subsequently when
- 12 purged were found in some cases to be
- 13 wrong; and then the infamous TIRs, when
- 14 you effectively redelivered to Emerald;
- 15 and also other documents that we found
- 16 in the industry: railroad, trucking, et
- 17 cetera.")
- 18 THE WITNESS: I meant when
- 19 it was convenient for Sea Star to decide
- 20 that they wanted to TIR out of their
- 21 control, the Emerald equipment, they
- 22 used their own TIRs, which, in some
- 23 cases, were never accepted by Emerald.
- When you decided to move

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- 1 something from one physical area over to
- 2 the showroom lot or the J lot, you used
- 3 your own self-generating TIRs. That is
- 4 the reason I said "infamous."
- 5 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 6 Q. And you use the term
- 7 "purged." What did you mean by that?
- 8 A. We had to go check every
- 9 piece of equipment against the documents
- 10 that we garnered from various sources,
- 11 most of it from Sea Star, most of it in
- 12 your self-billing reports, your own
- 13 inventories, and then, subsequently,
- 14 finding out that they were still
- 15 actively going up and down the highways
- 16 and the high seas.
- 17 You have availability of all
- 18 this documentation to you.
- 19 Q. With respect to this
- 20 agreement, is it your understanding that
- 21 Sea Star would sign the redelivery TIRs
- 22 in Puerto Nuevo, San Juan, Puerto Rico?
- 23 A. Over to an Emerald
- 24 representative.

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- 1 Q. Is there any provision in
- 2 this agreement that you recall that
- 3 requires the signature of, quote, an
- 4 Emerald representative with respect to
- 5 equipment redelivered in San Juan?
- 6 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 7 form of the question.
- 8 THE WITNESS: The document
- 9 speaks for itself on the redelivery of
- 10 equipment.
- 11 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 12 Q. So if it's there, it's
- 13 there. If it's not, then it's not part
- 14 of the agreement; correct?
- 15 A. I didn't say that.
- 16 Whatever the agreement says, it speaks
- 17 for itself.
- 18 Q. And whatever the agreement
- 19 says is what the agreement was; correct?
- 20 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 21 form of the question.
- 22 THE WITNESS: As far as
- 23 Emerald is concerned, yes.
- 24 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:

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- 1 Q. Now, with respect to this
- 2 agreement, is it your position that the
- 3 agreement applies only to equipment
- 4 delivered as of and after July 31, 2002?
- 5 A. This agreement
- 6 formalizes --
- 7 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 8 form of the question.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 10 This agreement formalizes a
- 11 previous agreement and it expounds upon
- 12 it, obviously, for many other issues.
- 13 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 14 Q. Does this agreement apply
- 15 to all equipment, all Emerald equipment
- 16 received by Sea Star?
- 17 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 18 form of the question.
- 19 THE WITNESS: This agreement
- 20 refers to all equipment that Sea Star
- 21 had of Emerald's.
- 22 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. Does it apply to all
- 24 equipment that Sea Star had of

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- 1 Emerald's?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Would it be fair to say
- 4 that this written agreement governs the
- 5 contractual relationship between Sea
- 6 Star and Emerald?
- A. Yes.
- 8 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 9 form of the question.
- 10 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 11 Q. Let me show you a copy of a
- 12 document that's been marked as
- 13 Exhibit 56 to the Emerald deposition.
- 14 Have you ever seen that
- 15 letter dated August 28, 2003, before?
- 16 A. I have seen this letter
- 17 before.
- 18 Q. Do you recall when you
- 19 first saw it?
- 20 A. Probably immediately after
- 21 it came in.
- Q. Did you discuss it with
- 23 anyone?
- 24 A. I discussed it with Arthur

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- 1 to go back and find out from the
- 2 bankruptcy records what they were
- 3 talking about, and that's when I first
- 4 learned that you had an in-transit
- 5 clause from the Court.
- 6 Q. By "you," you are referring
- 7 to Sea Star?
- 8 A. I always, when I'm speaking
- 9 to you, will refer to you as Sea Star,
- 10 unless you were the author of this
- 11 document, which it doesn't say you were.
- 12 Q. When you learned that there
- 13 was an in-transit clause from the Court,
- 14 did you take any action with respect to
- 15 Emerald billings?
- 16 A. I told our -- Lorraine and
- 17 Arthur to make sure you don't bill for
- 18 that period of time.
- 19 Q. What did Arthur say?
- A. He agreed.
- Q. Did Lorraine say anything?
- A. No. We followed the letter
- 23 of the judge. Whatever the judge said,
- 24 that's what we followed.

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- 1 Q. Arthur confirmed that there
- 2 was an in-transit provision?
- 3 A. He went back and found out
- 4 that there was a -- I believe there was
- 5 an agreement that you would lease the
- 6 equipment for a period of time
- 7 immediately after taking over the
- 8 company for some -- \$50,000-some. I
- 9 don't know who the heck got the money.
- 10 I don't know. I would guess who you
- 11 paid.
- 12 Q. When you say "taking over
- 13 the company" ---
- 14 A. You bought the assets of
- 15 the company.
- 16 Q. And what company are you
- 17 referring to?
- 18 A. Navieras.
- 19 Q. NPR, Inc.?
- 20 You were aware that Sea
- 21 Star didn't purchase the stock of NPR,
- 22 Inc.; correct?
- A. To my knowledge, you only
- 24 bought the assets.

- 1 Q. Did Emerald ever receive
- 2 permission from MBC Leasing to terminate
- 3 the equipment rental agreement?
- 4 MR. MOLDOFF: I'm sorry.
- 5 Can you read back that question?
- 6 (The court reporter read the
- 7 record as follows:
- 8 "QUESTION: Did Emerald ever
- 9 receive permission from MBC Leasing to
- 10 terminate the equipment rental
- 11 agreement?")
- 12 THE WITNESS: I told Scott
- 13 Kreger we were terminating the
- 14 agreement, yes.
- 15 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 16 Q. When did you tell him that?
- 17 A. When I did it.
- 18 Q. When was that?
- 19 A. It was either November --
- 20 in the fall of '03 or '04. I can't
- 21 remember when. Do you have the letter
- 22 around?
- Q. At that time did you have
- 24 any interest in the Emerald equipment?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. What was your interest?
- 3 A. To sell it, to liquidate
- 4 it, to collect the monies that Sea Star
- 5 owed Emerald, which they continued to
- 6 ignore. So out of frustration, I
- 7 canceled the lease.
- 8 Q. Let me show you a copy of
- 9 an e-mail -- well, you say out of
- 10 frustration, you canceled the lease.
- 11 Did you advise Scott Kreger that you
- 12 were doing that in writing?
- 13 A. I don't think I did. I
- 14 don't recall. I might have sent him a
- 15 copy of the cancellation.
- 16 Q. Let me show you a copy of
- 17 an e-mail dated August 29, 2003, which I
- 18 will ask the court reporter to mark as
- 19 Exhibit 2 to this deposition.
- 20 Do you recognize that?
- 21 (Above-described document
- 22 marked Holt, Sr. Exhibit 2.)
- 23 THE WITNESS: What's your
- 24 question?

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- 1 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. Do you recognize that?
- 3 A. I received it.
- 4 Q. I show you a copy of a
- 5 letter dated September 2, 2003, which I
- 6 will ask the court reporter to mark as
- 7 Exhibit 3 to this deposition.
- 8 (Above-described document
- 9 marked Holt, Sr. Exhibit 3.)
- 10 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 11 Q. Have you ever seen that
- 12 letter before?
- 13 A. Yes, I have seen it.
- 14 Q. Do you recall when you
- 15 first saw it?
- 16 A. Within the time frame of
- 17 when it was received.
- 18 Q. Did you have any
- 19 discussions with anyone concerning its
- 20 contents?
- 21 A. Only Arthur and Lorraine.
- Q. What did you say to Arthur?
- A. That we would protect our
- 24 interests to the best of our ability.

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- 1 Q. And what did you believe
- 2 were your interests at that time?
- 3 A. That I had the authority to
- 4 sell the Emerald equipment and reduce
- 5 the debt at MBC.
- 6 Q. Did you have any other
- 7 interest in your mind?
- 8 A. In regards to what?
- 9 Q. Did you believe that you
- 10 had any other interest at that time?
- 11 A. What kind of interest?
- 12 Q. In connection with the
- 13 Emerald equipment.
- 14 A. I was the owner of it.
- 15 Q. When you say "I," are you
- 16 referring to you?
- 17 A. Me, Thomas J. Holt,
- 18 president and owner of Emerald.
- 19 Q. Were you a stockholder?
- A. Of Emerald?
- 21 Q. Yes.
- 22 A. Absolutely.
- Q. Did you personally
- 24 guarantee the Emerald debt to MBC?

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- 1 A. I would have to go back and
- 2 look at the Emerald filings, the Emerald
- 3 loan documents. I don't believe I did,
- 4 but that's -- they are what they are. I
- 5 don't recall that I did.
- 6 Q. Let me show you a copy of a
- 7 fax cover sheet, a letter dated
- 8 September 16, 2003, together with a copy
- 9 of the equipment rental agreement, which
- 10 I will ask the court reporter to mark as
- 11 Exhibit 4 to this deposition.
- Have you ever seen that
- 13 before?
- 14 (Above-described document
- 15 marked Holt, Sr. Exhibit 4.)
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have
- 17 seen this.
- 18 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 19 Q. Did you give anyone
- 20 instructions to send a copy of that
- 21 letter to Bob Magee?
- 22 A. Did I tell them to send it
- 23 to Magee? I probably did.
- Q. Do you recall why you told

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- 1 them to send a copy to Magee?
- A. Because, to my knowledge,
- 3 he was the president and CEO of Sea
- 4 Star.
- 5 Q. Is that the only reason?
- 6 A. What other reason would you
- 7 send somebody a letter? He was the one
- 8 involved in this.
- 9 Q. What was his involvement?
- 10 A. He kept talking to me about
- 11 settlement negotiations.
- 12 Q. Was that his only
- 13 involvement, to your knowledge?
- 14 A. No. He might have been
- 15 involved early on in the negotiations to
- 16 buy Navieras off of Tom Hayes. He might
- 17 have been involved with my son Thomas to
- 18 attempt to lease the equipment, the
- 19 Emerald equipment.
- 20 But you are inferring there
- 21 is an ulterior motive of sending this to
- 22 Mr. Magee, this letter from my lawyer?
- 23 Q. Did you ever ask your son
- 24 whether Mr. Magee was involved in the

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- 1 initial negotiations for Emerald
- 2 equipment?
- 3 A. I don't recall.
- 4 Q. I show you a copy of a
- 5 letter dated October 31, 2003.
- 6 A. Bob is the president of Sea
- 7 Star, isn't he?
- 8 MR. ARMSTRONG: Which I will
- 9 ask the court reporter to mark as
- 10 Exhibit 5 for identification.
- 11 (Above-described document
- 12 marked Holt, Sr. Exhibit 5.)
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 14 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 15 Q. Did you authorize the
- 16 sending of that letter?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Before the letter was sent,
- 19 did you send Mr. Kreger a copy?
- 20 A. I don't know if I sent him
- 21 a copy or I told him I was going to do
- 22 it. In any event, we sent his lawyer a
- 23 copy.
- Q. Let me show you a copy of a

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- 1 letter dated November 21, 2003, which I
- 2 will ask the court reporter to mark as
- 3 Exhibit 6 for identification.
- (Above-described document
- 5 marked as Holt, Sr. Exhibit 6.)
- 6 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. Have you seen that letter
- 8 before?
- A. Yes, I got a copy of this
- 10 letter.
- Q. Did you ever review the
- 12 invoices to which the letter referred?
- A. No. 13
- 14 Q. Have you ever reviewed
- 15 invoices submitted by Emerald to Sea
- 16 Star?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What invoices have you
- 19 reviewed?
- A. Oh, I can't tell you 20
- 21 specifically the individual invoices.
- 22 Traditionally, at the end of each month,
- 23 I would take a look at what was sent out
- 24 in the way of a printout, a computer

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- 1 printout.
- Q. Was it your understanding
- 3 that Emerald was sending computer
- 4 printout invoices to Sea Star each
- 5 month?
- A. Well, if computer printout
- 7 is identification of an invoice, I think
- 8 we're sending them out as they were
- generating them.
- 10 I don't believe the per
- 11 month was an anniversary date. It was
- 12 more, to my knowledge, as to when they
- 13 were returning the equipment and we
- 14 acknowledged that we got the equipment
- 15 back.
- The point I can read of 16
- 17 that letter was evidently for equipment
- 18 that was missing that you couldn't
- 19 produce.
- Q. What is Storage Transfer,
- 21 LLC?
- 22 A. That's a corporation that
- 23 purchased from MBC the debt of Emerald.
- 24 Q. When did Storage Transfer

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- 1 purchase that debt?
- A. I don't remember the
- 3 dates. It was in the fall of either '03
- 4 or '04. It might have been '04.
- 5 Q. Prior to the purchase, did
- 6 Storage Transfer have any interest in
- 7 Emerald?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. I show you a copy of an
- 10 Independent contractor agreement that
- 11 has been marked as Exhibit 17 to the
- 12 Emerald deposition.
- 13 Have you seen that document
- 14 before?
- A. I never seen this document,
- 16 but I knew it was in existence.
- Q. How did you know it was in 17
- 18 existence?
- 19 A. My son told me about it and
- 20 I think Arthur told me about it, also.
- 21 Q. Did you have any
- 22 discussions with Arthur concerning that
- 23 agreement?
- A. Only to the extent that

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- 1 Greenwich was attempting to liquidate
- 2 Emerald equipment on behalf of the bank,
- 3 and I'm all for anything that got the
- 4 bank's debt down.
- 5 Q. By your son are you
- 6 referring to Tom, Jr.?
- A. Tom and his
- 8 representatives, whoever he designated
- 9 to start trying to help sell the
- 10 equipment.
- 11 Q. Did Emerald have an
- 12 agreement such as that with Greenwich?
- 13 A. Emerald had an agreement
- 14 with Greenwich only to the extent of
- 15 whatever services Greenwich performed
- 16 for Emerald. What this document was, as
- 17 I recall, was to pay a commission to
- 18 Greenwich for equipment that they helped
- 19 sell of Emerald's for and on behalf of
- 20 MBC.
- Q. What services did Greenwich
- 22 provide for Emerald other than the sale
- 23 of Emerald equipment?
- A. It would have been the

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- 1 standard services of equipment coming in
- 2 or out of the gate, the storage of
- 3 equipment, the mounting, demounting,
- 4 whatever Emerald's requirements were.
- 5 Q. Did Greenwich have a
- 6 separate agreement with Emerald with
- 7 respect to such services?
- 8 A. Separate in response to
- 9 what?
- 10 Q. Did Emerald have a written
- 11 agreement with Emerald?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. I'm sorry.
- 14 A. No, I understood you.
- 15 Q. I will start over.
- 16 A. Please.
- 17 Q. It gets bad. Did Greenwich
- 18 have a written agreement with Emerald
- 19 for services?
- 20 A. No. They don't need a
- 21 written agreement as Greenwich. They
- 22 have tariffs and they charge according
- 23 to their tariffs.
- So you clearly understand,

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- 1 this would be equipment that Sea Star
- 2 would return to Philadelphia to
- 3 terminate their agreement with Emerald.
- 4 Greenwich is a depot to receive that
- 5 equipment under the agreement that
- 6 Emerald had with Sea Star, known as the
- 7 Packer-Greenwich terminal, which is
- 8 operated by Greenwich.
- 9 This equipment would come
- 10 in, TIRs would be issued. That would be
- 11 a charge. Storage would be issued; that
- 12 would be a charge. Mounting or
- 13 demounting chassis from containers would
- 14 be a charge. Releasing the equipment to
- 15 people to purchase it would eventually
- 16 be a charge. So that's the Greenwich
- 17 relationship with Emerald.
- 18 Q. Let me show you a copy of a
- 19 letter dated July 19, 2002, which has
- 20 been marked as Exhibit 18 to the Emerald
- 21 deposition.
- Have you ever seen that
- 23 before?
- A. No, but I had heard about

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- 1 it. This memorializes the other
- 2 document that you showed me.
- 3 Q. Was Emerald paying
- 4 Greenwich for any of the services listed
- 5 in that letter?
- 6 A. No. They would have been
- 7 invoiced to MBC by Greenwich.
- 8 Q. Did you become involved in
- 9 the Sea Star purchase of Emerald
- 10 chassis?
- 11 A. To the extent of value, if
- 12 we had them, I authorized them to be
- 13 released to them. They probably bought
- 14 equipment they did not even have in
- 15 their possession that we had to release
- 16 to them.
- 17 Q. Did you --
- 18 A. I did not negotiate with
- 19 Sea Star.
- 20 Q. Were you involved in
- 21 negotiations?
- 22 A. No. I never negotiated
- 23 with Sea Star the sale of equipment
- 24 directly.

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- 1 Q. Did you negotiate any
- 2 agreements with Sea Star after April 11,
- 2002?
- A. Only what came to me, then
- 5 I would pass it on to someone to
- 6 complete the deal, if it came up on my
- 7 radar screen.
- If it went directly to one
- 9 of my representatives, they would bring
- 10 it to me and I would authorize it or not
- 11 authorize it.
- 12 Q. Was there a particular
- 13 person to whom you would pass Sea Star
- 14 business?
- 15 A. Yes. It would have been
- 16 Arthur, Lorraine, or in the initial
- 17 early stages, my son Tom.
- 18 Q. Other than those three?
- 19 A. There might have been
- 20 somebody else, but I can't remember.
- 21 Maybe MBC. If you know of anybody, let
- 22 me try and remember.
- 23 Q. Were the three of them the
- 24 people who were primarily involved in

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- 1 Emerald dealings?
- A. Only to the extent that Tom
- 3 was, early on, and then he got out of it
- 4 totally. It was primarily Arthur and
- 5 Lorraine.
- 6 Q. When did Tom get out of it?
- 7 A. Oh, I would probably tell
- 8 you after the initial documentation was
- 9 done.
- 10 Q. Was there any reason why he
- 11 got out of it that you recall?
- 12 A. He is running his own
- 13 businesses.
- 14 Q. Do you recall discussing
- 15 with anyone a requirement that MBC
- 16 Leasing approve the equipment rental
- 17 agreement before you signed it?
- 18 A. The equipment rental
- 19 agreement between Sea Star and Emerald?
- 20 Q. Correct. Yes, sir.
- A. No, sir, I don't believe we
- 22 sought their approval. I don't know
- 23 sitting here now, but I recall -- I
- 24 don't think we did. If we did, fine;

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- 1 but I don't think we did.
- 2 Total communication between
- 3 MBC and me, total.
- 4 Q. Do you know whether Emerald
- 5 equipment is stored on Sea Star
- 6 facilities today?
- A. I wouldn't know. Sea Star
- 8 was charged with the storage. But
- 9 today? If you have it, please return
- 10 it. We requested that it be either
- 11 returned or paid for.
- 12 Q. Do you recall when Emerald
- 13 equipment was last stored on Sea Star's
- 14 premises?
- 15 A. Best guesstimate, sometime
- 16 in '03.
- 17 Q. Do you know whether Sea
- 18 Star stored Emerald equipment in its San
- 19 Juan terminal in 2004?
- 20 A. I don't know. You would
- 21 have no reason to.
- When did we terminate the
- 23 lease? What was the date of the
- 24 termination of the lease?

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- 1 Q. Do you know whether Emerald
- 2 has been selling equipment out of Sea
- 3 Star's San Juan terminal in 2004?
- 4 A. I don't know. If you had
- 5 it there, we would sell it.
- 6 Q. Have you ever discussed
- 7 that with Art Davis?
- 8 A. I have not specifically in
- 9 '04.
- 10 Q. Have you ever become aware
- 11 of any demands by Sea Star that Emerald
- 12 remove equipment from its facility in
- 13 San Juan?
- 14 A. I do remember something and
- 15 I believe it was sometime in '03.
- 16 Q. Did Emerald remove all of
- 17 the equipment after receiving that
- 18 demand?
- 19 A. I don't know. Art Davis
- 20 would know; I don't know.
- Q. Have you ever asked Art
- 22 Davis?
- A. Did we remove all the
- 24 equipment after your demand? I recalled

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- 1 that you wanted it out of there. I
- 2 don't know if it's in writing or not. I
- 3 never saw anything in writing.
- 4 And if you wanted it out of
- 5 there, there's no reason why we would
- 6 not move it out of there, unless, of
- 7 course, it was demolished by Sea Star or
- 8 your agents.
- 9 Q. Have you ever made an
- 10 investigation?
- 11 A. In regards to?
- 12 Q. Whether it was demolished
- 13 by Sea Star or my agents.
- 14 A. By Art Davis. I said, "Who
- 15 did that?"
- And he said, "It was
- 17 covered under the control of Sea Star."
- 18 It's piled down under your terminal in
- 19 20 or 30 pieces. It looks like a scrap
- 20 yard, I'm told.
- Q. When did you ask Art Davis
- 22 about that?
- A. I recall it was sometime in
- 24 '03. I don't think it was '04. It

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- 1 might have been.
- Q. Was that equipment shown on
- 3 the NPR 2002 or April 2002 inventory?
- 4 A. It would have been, but
- 5 more so, it was covered under your
- 6 inventory to us. This was after you had
- 7 possession of it.
- 8 Q. Is it your position that
- 9 Sea Star is responsible for all
- 10 equipment that had been subject to the
- 11 agreement between Emerald and NPR?
- 12 MR. MOLDOFF: It's been
- 13 asked and answered. Object to the form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Do I answer
- 15 it?
- 16 MR. MOLDOFF: You can answer
- 17 it.
- 18 THE WITNESS: If it's in
- 19 your possession, it is your
- 20 responsibility.
- 21 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. Is it your position that
- 23 any equipment in Sea Star's possession
- 24 after April 27, 2002, is Sea Star's

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- 1 responsibility, for purposes of paying
- 2 rent?
- 3 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 4 form.
- 5 THE WITNESS: If it's in
- 6 your possession and you did not off-hire
- 7 it, you owe rent on it.
- 8 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 9 Q. What do you mean when you
- 10 say "possession"?
- 11 A. Well, is it on your ship?
- 12 Is it in a railroad yard in Chicago
- 13 under your bill of lading? If you have
- 14 terminated it to three locations as
- 15 covered, it's not in your possession.
- 16 If you have not terminated it, it is in
- 17 your possession.
- 18 I've been asked and
- 19 answered this seven different ways.
- 20 Q. Are you saying that
- 21 equipment that Sea Star terminated in
- 22 the Sea Star terminal in San Juan is not
- 23 in Sea Star's possession?
- 24 MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the

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- 1 form.
- THE WITNESS: If you have
- 3 properly terminated it in San Juan, as
- 4 per the agreement, then that's probably
- 5 why you were charging us storage.
- 6 But if you did not properly
- 7 terminate it and you had it there, it's
- 8 in your possession, it was not available
- 9 to us to sell, then it's in your
- 10 possession.
- 11 All this has been
- 12 documented, asked and answered, and it
- 13 continues to be the same answers.
- 14 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 15 Q. Is your position now that
- 16 Sea Star does not owe Emerald for
- 17 equipment involved in shipments in
- 18 transit?
- 19 A. If it's in the covered
- 20 period given to Sea Star by Judge
- 21 Walrath, you do not owe for that
- 22 in-transit period and we did not invoice
- 23 for that in-transit period.
- Q. Is it your position that

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- 1 Sea Star owes for equipment held by
- 2 third parties such as depots for NPR
- 3 debts?
- 4 A. If Sea Star placed the
- 5 equipment in those depots under the
- 6 lease agreement, it is Sea Star's
- 7 responsibility until you return the
- 8 equipment, for whatever reason the
- 9 equipment was being held for. All I
- 10 know, Sea Star owed the depot money. I
- 11 have no clue as to why the depot held
- 12 it.
- 13 If they said it was NPR,
- 14 they have no recourse to NPR because it
- 15 was liquidated under Chapter 7, and
- 16 everybody knows that it's under your
- 17 control through the lease agreement.
- 18 Emerald would not be
- 19 responsible for that action, except
- 20 Emerald would invoice you because it was
- 21 in your care, custody, and control under
- 22 the agreement.
- Q. If Sea Star did not place
- 24 the equipment in those depots, is it

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- 1 your position that Sea Star would not
- 2 owe under the equipment rental
- 3 agreement?
- 4 A. If Sea Star did not place
- 5 it there, then they did not have
- 6 authority to place it there, so,
- 7 therefore, you are not responsible.
- 8 But with Sea Star taking
- 9 possession of that equipment from those
- 10 depots, as the documentation you showed
- 11 me here, it was clearly straightened out
- 12 subsequently that the depots are given
- 13 authority to release the product to Sea
- 14 Star, "product" being chassis,
- 15 container, gen-set, or whatever you had
- 16 under load at the time.
- 17 As the documents show,
- 18 there were instances where you wanted to
- 19 pick up equipment and not because of
- 20 money owed, but because you were a
- 21 stranger to the depot, that we needed to
- 22 get an authorized representative to
- 23 release it to you, which at your request
- 24 we did at every turn.

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- 1 Q. You would not be taking the
- 2 position, would you, that Sea Star owes
- 3 with respect to equipment that depots
- 4 refused to release to Sea Star?
- 5 A. When did Sea Star have
- 6 possession of the product? If you put
- 7 it there, you are responsible. If you
- 8 didn't put it there and somebody said
- 9 money is owed to it, it was either paid
- 10 by the bank or by Emerald or liquidated
- 11 out of the Chapter 7. But if it's in
- 12 your possession, you owe.
- 13 Q. If it was not liquidated by
- 14 Emerald or by the bank or in Chapter 7
- 15 and the depot refused to release the
- 16 equipment, you are not taking the
- 17 position, are you, that Sea Star owes
- 18 for that equipment?
- 19 A. Who put it there? Did Sea
- 20 Star put it there?
- 21 Q. If Sea Star did not put it
- 22 into the depot.
- A. Then you would not be
- 24 responsible.

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- 1 Q. And the same would apply
- 2 with respect to a repair yard, would it
- 3 not?
- 4 A. If it's not covered under
- 5 the lease to you, you would not be
- 6 responsible. If you had possession and
- 7 it was covered under your lease and you
- 8 released it to a third party, such as a
- 9 trucker or a railroad, it is your
- 10 responsibility.
- Just for one brief moment
- 12 here, there is money owed and these kind
- 13 of questions will probably be a matter
- 14 of a judge. But there is money owed.
- 15 Why don't you just tell your client to
- 16 pay his bills? This is really
- 17 insulting.
- 18 Q. You would not be taking the
- 19 position, would you, that Sea Star owes
- 20 for equipment in storage under the
- 21 bankruptcy court's order?
- MR. MOLDOFF: Object to the
- 23 form of the question.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Storage where?

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- 1 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. In any of its terminals in
- 3 accordance with Paragraph 13 of the
- 4 bankruptcy court's order.
- 5 A. I'm taking the position
- 6 that I what? Explain what you're
- 7 saying.
- 8 MR. ARMSTRONG: Please hand
- 9 me the exhibits.
- 10 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 11 Q. Showing you Exhibit 4 to
- 12 the Emerald deposition, a copy of the
- 13 order authorizing sale of the NPR
- 14 assets, and referring you to Paragraph
- 15 13 on Page 8, are you taking the
- 16 position that Sea Star owes Emerald for
- 17 equipment in storage pursuant to that
- 18 paragraph of the Court's Order?
- MR. MOLDOFF: I object to
- 20 the question. This order predates the
- 21 subsequent agreement between the parties
- 22 with respect to the leasing of the
- 23 equipment. It is misleading.
- 24 If you can answer the

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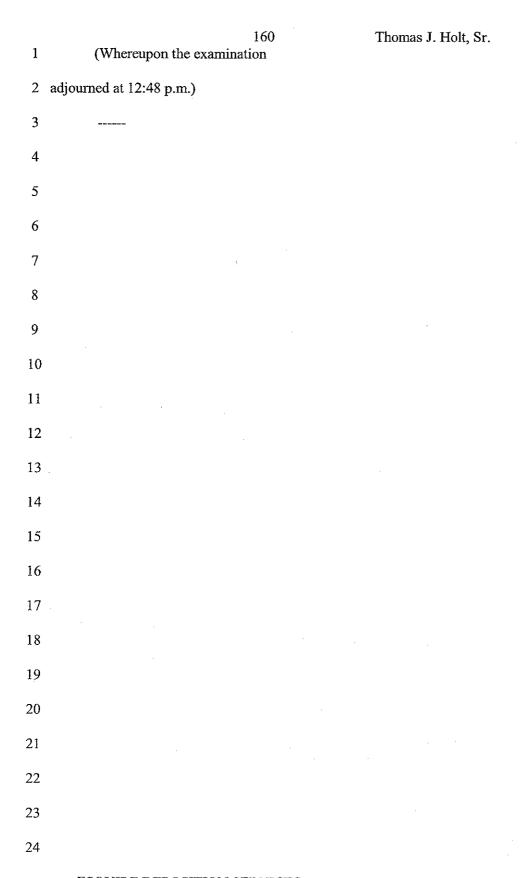
- 1 question, answer it.
- 2 THE WITNESS: It's self-
- 3 explanatory. I'm not going to go into a
- 4 legal document. It says what it says.
- 5 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. Are you taking the position 6
- 7 that Sea Star owes Emerald for equipment
- in storage?
- MR. MOLDOFF: I object to
- 10 the question.
- THE WITNESS: It's been 11
- 12 asked and answered now nine times.
- 13 MR. MOLDOFF: What's in
- 14 storage?
- 15 THE WITNESS: If it's in
- 16 your possession and you have not
- 17 terminated the TIR properly, you pay for
- 18 it.
- 19 You can't run equipment in
- 20 and out of your yard any time it's
- 21 convenient, say, "oh, it's in storage,"
- 22 but when in fact it is going down the
- 23 road under a load or in fact you got it
- 24 at a depot or in fact you got it out on

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- 1 a ship. There is instances that's
- 2 legitimate on your part that you had
- 3 something in storage. We paid rent for
- 4 that.
- 5 This document, Paragraph 13,
- 6 is self-explanatory. I'm not going to
- 7 become a lawyer for you.
- 8 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 9 Q. With respect to equipment
- 10 that was legitimately in storage, are
- 11 you saying that Sea Star owes Emerald
- 12 rent?
- 13 A. No.
- MR. MOLDOFF: I object to
- 15 the question. What he has said -- when
- 16 you say the word "legitimately," he is
- 17 saying if it's properly off-hired.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Properly
- 19 off-hired is what I was saying.
- 20 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. Do you know whether there
- 22 was any equipment on or at the Sea Star
- 23 terminal in San Juan on April 27, 2002,
- 24 that belonged to Emerald?

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- 1 A. In April of 2002?
- Q. Yes.
- 3 A. All the equipment belonged
- 4 to Emerald that Navieras had on the
- 5 terminal in that time frame.
- 6 Q. Now, with respect to that
- 7 equipment, do you know whether any of it
- 8 remained in storage?
- 9 A. I'd have to go back and
- 10 check the records.
- 11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Give me two
- 12 minutes.
- 13 (Recess.)
- 14 MR. ARMSTRONG: No further
- 15 questions.
- 16 I'm going to take these with
- 17 me because we will use I don't know
- 18 whether -- well, we will use some of
- 19 them over the next two days, so I don't
- 20 know whether you will be here.
- 21 MR. MOLDOFF: I never did
- 22 speak to Marty McDonald.
- 23 (Discussion off the record.)
- 24 (Witness excused.)



1	161 CERTIFICATE	Thomas J. Holt, Sr.
	CERTIFICATE	
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3	I hereby certify that the	
4	witness was duly sworn by me and that	
5	the deposition is a true record of the	
6	testimony given by the witness	
7	It was requested before	
8	completion of the deposition that the	
9	witness THOMAS J. HOLT, SR., have the	
10	opportunity to read and sign the	
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1	162 INSTRUCTION TO THE WITNESS	Thomas J. Holt, Sr.
2	Please read your deposition	
3	over carefully and make any necessary	•
4	corrections. You should state the	
5	reason in the appropriate space on the	
6	errata sheets for any corrections that	
7	are made.	
8	After doing so, please sign	
9	the errata sheet and date it.	
10	You are signing same subject	
11	to the changes you have noted on the	
12	errata sheet, which will be attached to	
13	your deposition.	
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15	return the original errata sheet to the	
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